Options' was organized for senior/middle level energy sector officials from the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and ASEAN member counties during 6—18 December, 2004.

(b) and (c) The Training Programme which was attended by 19 participants from 10 member countries covered issues relating to development and deployment of new and renewable energy systems/ devices.

As a follow up, BIMSTEC Renewable Energy Expert Group Meeting was organized during 15-16 September, 2005 at New Delhi when possible areas/activities for cooperation were identified. The identified areas/activities for cooperation were identified. The identified areas/activities were adopted in the Plan of Action for cooperation in the BIMSTEC Energy Minister's Conference held on 4 October, 2005 in New Delhi. Interaction with member countries for pursuing cooperation activities is an on-going process.

Energy generation from non-conventional energy sources

3871. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRJ SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of energy generation from non-conventional energy sources to be achieved under current Plan and what is the current.
level that has been achieved;

(b) the average per unit cost of generating energy from non-conventional sources; and

(c) whether Government plan to bring down cost of generation of such power particularly in view of recommendations in Mid Term Appraisal of current Plan to reduce subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Against a target for installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power of 3075 MW for the Tenth Plan period, 4650 MW installed capacity has been set up during the first four years of the said plan period.

(b) The indicative cost of grid-interactive renewable power for different resources is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The aim is to align the unit cost of generation of renewable power not only to international levels but also with conventional power through support for accurate resource assessment; research, design and development; introduction of standards at par with international levels; and increased competition in the sector.

Statement

Indicative cost of grid interactive renewable power for different resources

SI. No.	Source	(Rs./KWh)
1.	Small Hydro Power	1.50-3.50
2.	Wind Power	2.00-3.50
3.	Biomass Power (including bagasse cogeneration)	2.50-3.50
4.	Urban/Industrial Waste-to-Power	2.50-7.50
5.	Solar Photovoltaic Power	20.00-30.00*

*with battery back-up

Power generation from non-conventional energy sources

†3872. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether power is being generated from non-conventional energy sources in the country, especially in rural areas;

(b) the extent of power being generated State-wise; and

(c) whether Government have explored the possibility of power generation from non-conventional energy sources especially in rural areas?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.